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irregular ground. Thus, there is a fear that the golf shoes prevent the golfer from feeling comfortable.

✓ Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 24, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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The difference (C1-C2) between the hardness (JIS-C) C1 of the spike 3 at its portion that contacts the ground and the hardness (JIS-C) C2 of the body 2, the first projected portion 4, and the second projected portion 5 is set favorably to the range from 5 to 80 both inclusive, more favorably to the range from 10 to 65 both inclusive, and most favorably to the range from 15 to 50 both inclusive. If the difference (C1-C2) is less than the lower limit of the above range, it may be difficult to prevent the golfer's foot from slipping on both grass and hard ground. On the other hand, if the difference (C1-C2) is more than the upper limit of the above range, the degree of concentration of stress on the spike 3 is so high that the spike 3 is liable to wear and chip.

### IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

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- 1.(AMENDED) A shoe, comprising:  
an outsole including a projected portion having a ground-contact surface formed thereon; and  
a spike having a ground-contact portion made of a molded rubber material having a JIS-C hardness in the range from 35 to 95 and an elongation at break of

280% or more; said molded rubber material contains 30 wt% or more of polybutadiene as a rubber component thereof; the difference (h1-h2) between a projected height h1 of said spike and a projected height h2 of said projected portion is in the range from 0mm to 15mm; and a difference (C1-C2) between a hardness C1 of the ground contact portion of the spike and a hardness C2 of the projected portion is in the range from 5-80.

2. (AMENDED) The shoe according to claim 1, wherein said polybutadiene contains a cis-1,4 linkage at 70% or more in the polymer structure thereof.

3. (AMENDED) The shoe according to claim 1, wherein said spike is removably mounted on said outsole.

4. (AMENDED) A shoe, comprising:  
an outsole including a projected portion having a ground-contact surface formed thereon; and

a spike having a ground-contact portion made of a molded rubber material having a JIS-C hardness in the range from 35 to 95 and an elongation at break of 280% or more; said molded rubber material contains 30 wt% or more of acrylonitrile-butadiene copolymer as a rubber component thereof; the difference (h1-h2) between a projected height h1 of said spike and a projected height h2 of

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said projected portion is in the range from 0mm to 15mm; and a difference (C1-C2) between a hardness C1 of the ground contact portion of the spike and a hardness C2 of the projected portion is in the range from 5-80.

5. (AMENDED) The shoe according to claim 4, wherein said spike is removably mounted on said outsole.